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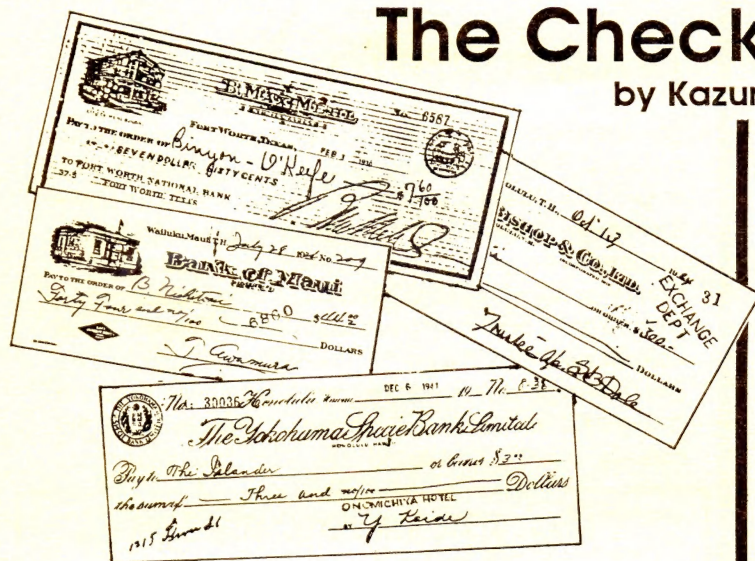
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## The Check Collector

by Kazuma Oyama



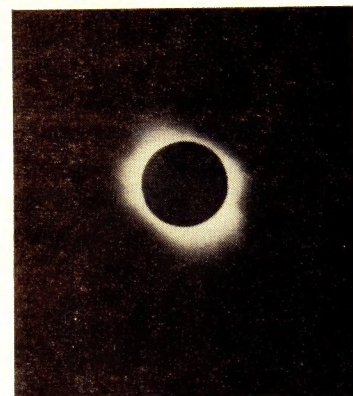
The above title is of the "Journal of the American Society of Check Collectors, Inc. (ASCC) quarterly publication. The ASCC was founded in 1969 by persons interested in this fascinating field of "numismatics." As in other areas of numismatic, there are check collectors who are specialists -some collect checks with signatures of famous people while others may specialize in checks issued by railroad companies, interesting designs and vignettes, certain states, etc. Then there are others like myself who is a "general" collector who add anything available and affordable. However, I am partial to checks of Hawaii banks and those issued by railroad companies or having vignettes of trains. Among the interesting (to me) checks that I have is a check issued by the legendary B. Max Mehl, Numismatist, on February 3, 1930 for \$7.60 to a Binyan-O'Keefe. The endorsement on the bank of the check refers to Binyan-O'Keefe Fire-proof Storage Co. so I speculate that this is where Mr. Mehl stored his valuable items and that the \$7.60 was a rental fee. There are two interesting vignettes in the check. One depicts a three-story building with the caption that says "Offices: Mehl Building." The other vignette shows a Fugio cent - the first coins issued by authority of the United States (pages 56 & 57 - A Guide Book of United States Coins, 43rd Edition 1990, by R.S. Yeoman). I don't have any checks signed by Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye but I have one which is signed by T. Awamura, the senator's father-in-law. The signature is on a Bank of Maui, Wailuku, Maui T. H. check dated July 28, 1924, and has a vignette of the Bank of Maui building. This year being the 50th anniversary of "Pearl Harbor" the Yokohama Specie Bank Limited, Honolulu, Hawaii (branch) check dated December 6, 1941 is of special interest because that was the last day of business for this Japan bank. Its

assets in Hawaii were frozen and doors closed as of December 7, 1941. The check that is of significance to collectors of signatures and Hawaiian is one that has the signatures of Sanford B. Dole. The name Dole is synonymous with pineapple. However, that name belongs to James D. Dole whose father was a cousin of Sanford B. Dole. James Dole was born in Massachusetts and first arrived in Hawaii in 1899. After establishing the pineapple industry in Hawaii, he became known as the "Pineapple King". Unlike James Dole, Sanford B. Dole was born in Hawaii to missionary parents on April 23, 1844. When the Hawaiian monarchy of Queen Liliuokalani was overthrown and a provisional government was established on January 14, 1892, Sanford B. Dole was named president. On July 7, 1898, President McKinley (for whom McKinley High School in Honolulu is named) signed the document annexing Hawaii to the United States of America. However, the organic act making Hawaii an incorporated territory did not go into effect until June 14, 1900. Sanford B. Dole was appointed governor of the Territory of Hawaii that same day. So here is Sanford B. Dole-first and only president of the Provisional government of Hawaii and the Republic of Hawaii; and the first governor of the Territory of Hawaii (appointed by U.S. President McKinley) with his signature on a check. However, the date of the check -Oct. 13, 1924 is long after he had retired from government services. He signed the check as a "Trustee." Most of my information on Sanford B. Dole was gleaned from a book by Helena G. Allen titled "Sanford Ballard Dole, Hawaii's Only President, 1844-1926." I couldn't find anything about his position as a trustee.

**Hawaiian Total  
Eclipse. . .  
Thursday, July 11,  
1991 at 7:28 AM. . .**

**Awesome!**

**For story and  
information on  
Wooden Token of  
the Eclipse, see  
page two.**





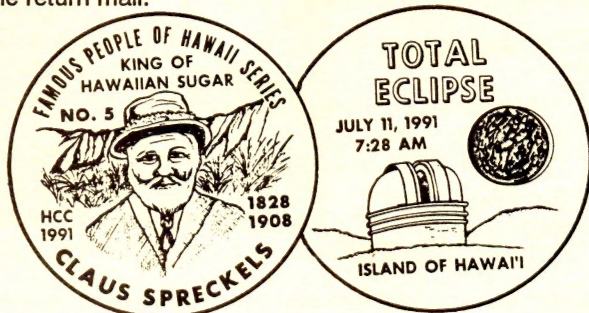


## The King of Sugar and Hawaii's Total Eclipse

Claus Spreckels was a very controversial man. To the Islanders, he was thought to be a domineering, ruthless, arrogant, corrupt, egotistical opportunist. Yet this same man had the photogenic features of Santa Claus and contributed a lot to the economic progress of the islands during his period as a business man. Claus Spreckels was born in poverty in the village of Lamstedt, Germany on July 9, 1828. He came to America borrowing passage money from a friend, worked in a grocery store, and later bought the store from the retired owner. Energetic and business-minded, he went from grocery store to brewery, sold it for \$75,000 and then went from there into sugar refining in the bay area of San Francisco in 1863.

When the Reciprocity Treaty came into effect in Hawaii in 1876, which gave duty-free entry of sugar into the United States, Claus Spreckels brought Hawaiian Sugar Cane to be refined in San Francisco. Soon he was known as the King of Sugar. He was also a financial backer of King Kalakaua. He was appointed as agent for the Hawaiian Kingdom to mint the Kalakaua coins. The obverse of the 5th wooden token of the Famous People of Hawaii of the Honolulu Coin Club features Claus Spreckels. The reverse will feature the Total Solar Eclipse of July 11, 1991. A solar eclipse happens when the moon blocks the sun from shining on part of the Earth. This year the eclipse was total in the Hawaiian Islands, specifically the Big Island, Hawaii. The last total solar eclipse in Hawaii was in 1850 and the next one isn't until 2106.

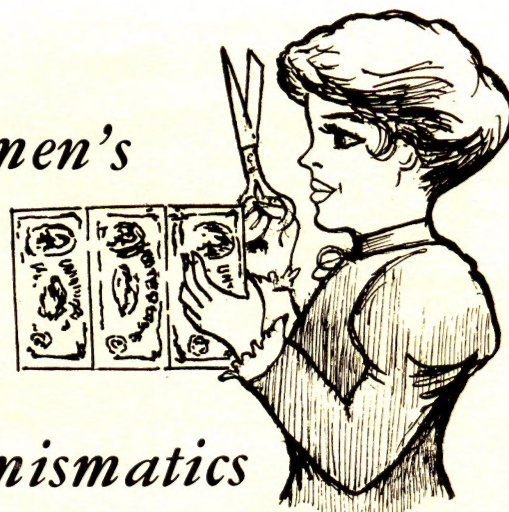
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## Women's

## Lib in

## Numismatics



The name Jennie Douglas probably never entered your mind, but she made history by been the first woman to be employed by the U.S. government. It was in 1862 when the Secretary of the Treasury F. E. Spinner was convinced that women were capable of doing a man's work and hired her. What was her occupation? To trim and cut U.S. currency. It took a great deal of moral strength to resist opposition on Spinner's part, to put a woman to work in the Treasury. Like going through a bee hive. In those days men were the dominant and woman's work was at home, doing the cooking, washing and taking care of the children.

### HAWAII STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 28th ANNUAL

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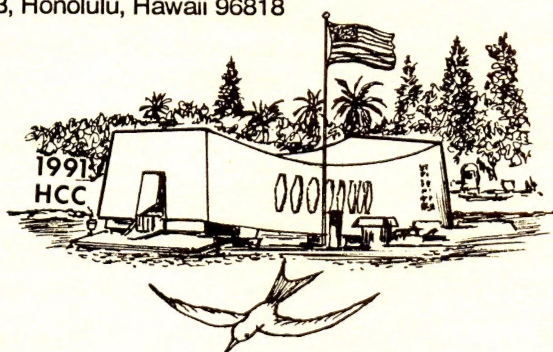
## *Special*

### HCC's 50th Anniversary on the Attack at Pearl Harbor Wooden Token

The Honolulu Coin Club is striking a Special 50th Anniversary wooden token on the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The obverse features the Honolulu Star Bulletin news headline on that day of the attack and the damaged ships during the attack. Many stories were written about the attack; the most famous of all was Walter Lord's book on "The Day of Infamy".

The reverse of the wood features the Arizona Memorial with Ford Island in the background and a peaceful scene of a seagull flying over the waters.

A very limited addition, the wooden token will be sold at \$1.00 each plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. Address to Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818



### HONOLULU COIN CLUB

The Honolulu Coin Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.

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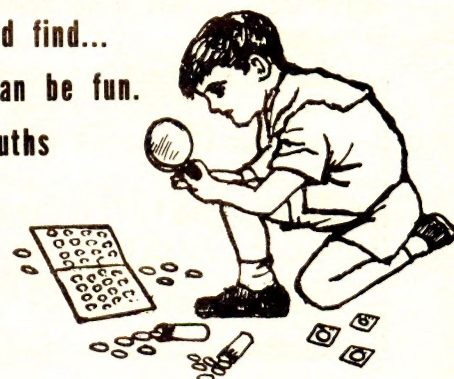
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Hoping for a good find...  
Coin collecting can be fun.  
Let's get our youths  
involved.





## HONOLULU COIN CLUB JUNIORS'



### NEWEST ADVISORS

BY GREGORY HUNT



The Honolulu Coin Club Juniors have two new advisors. They are none other than Gary Lau and James Silva. Both of these adults are committed to the children of today and have an extensive background in working with our youth. They will work together to rekindle the raging fire that Danny Garrett started.

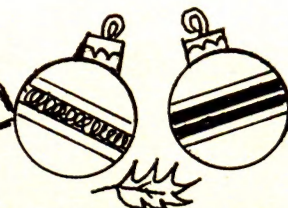
Gary Lau is a forty-year old construction contractor. He was born in the Punchbowl Area and now resides with his wife, Holly and children, Nathan (16), Deacon (10), and Moani (8) in Kahala. He is a 1969 graduate of St. Louis High School where he was an all-star football player. He continued his education at Technical School for seven years. He has been collecting for twenty years and specializes in Hawaiiana. Besides coins, tokens, stamps, and bottles, he collects matchbook covers and sports cards. Gary has also been involved in coaching for over thirteen years. First with the Punchbowl Midget Football Team and now the Kaimuki Midget Football Team. He coaches in the soccer league also. Finally, Gary has been a Honolulu Coin Club member in good standing for thirteen years. A BOD member for at least ten of those years.

James Silva is a forty-year-old Police Officer with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program. He was born in the Kaimuki Area and now resides in Kalihi with his wife, Johnelle and children, Kimo Jr. (16) and Jonelly (10). He is a graduate of St. Louis High School, Class of 1969 and also a member of the football team. He continued his education at Leeward Community College and later at Honolulu Community College. James has been collecting for the last two years and started to specialize in Hawaiiana and U.S. He has been active in the Police Activities League as a coach for over five years in Kuhio Park Terrace as well as an advisor to the HPD law Enforcement Explorer Program for the last three years. Finally, he has been a member in good standing with the HCC and HSNA for the last two years.

I know these two members personally. Both were classmates of mine at St. Louis High School. They were leaders and teammates and will make for winning combination for our juniors.

## BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the YMCA, 300 Lanikaula Street, in Hilo.



## HCC CHRISTMAS PARTY DOLLAR GAME

Have you ever wonder what a dollar buys these days. For those who will attend the Honolulu Coin Club Christmas Party, here's a chance to find out. To participate in the HCC party game, we want you to spend a dollar and try to get the most items with it. But, hold on now . . . the game would be very easy if you go to the store and buy a package and count each candy or a bag of beans. But the game will not be played that way. Please follow the rules of the game very carefully so you won't be disqualified.

Rules as follows:

- 1 — All items must be purchased at the same store and the total of one dollar or less added up on one register tab.
- 2 — All items must be different. No two items alike. Example: If you buy 10 candies at 5 cents apiece, it will be counted as only one item; not ten items even if they are all different brands and types. That goes for items such as nails of different sizes, bolts, etc.
- 3 — The tab must total one dollar or less, tax included. So actually, you have only 96 cents to spend and 4% tax. Anything over \$1.00 will be disqualified, even if it's only 1 cent over a dollar.
- 4 — To qualify, you must bring all items and the store register tab.
- 5 — One winner per family. This will give every family a chance to win.
- 6 — In case of a tie, the winner will be decided with a flip of a coin.
- 7 — Even if you do not win, we will play other games with the items.

Remember, only register tab will be accepted. The winner of the game will have . . . you'll have to come to the HCC Party to find out . . . Happy bargain hunting and GOOD LUCK!





## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COIN CLUBS OF HAWAII

### BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

APR 91— Franklin halves was presented by ROGER Chikuami. He pointed out the difference in proof and cameo proof and exhibited some of the finer items from his collection. 28 members and guests were in attendance.

MAY 91— "My Favorite Coin" was the topic of the May meeting. BICC members Lori Ornellas, Marta Bowman, Ted Perry, and Skip Jensen made presentations of their favorite coins. A special youth auction (first time) was featured in addition to the regular auction and door prizes. Enjoyed by 31 members and guests.

JUN 91— Elections were held:

President.....	Virginia Dicks
VP.....	Mildred Murakami
Rec Secretary .....	Marta Bowman
CORR Secretary .....	Walt Southward
Treasurer .....	Jim Moore
Sergeant-at-arms .....	Bill Seifert
Directors .....	Kay Kozohara
	Don Nigro
	Roger Chikuami
	Alton Chow
	Rick Howsley

Don Nigro also works with the youngsters. 37 members and guests were present.

JUL 91— A record turnout of 45 members and guests heard visiting California collector Warren Heistand talk, with slides, on American gold coins. His wife, Gwen, joined him. Also on the agenda was a great potluck coordinated by Harold Watanabe and installation ceremony by outgoing president, Rick Howsley.

### HONOLULU COIN CLUB

APR 91— Guest speaker Don Metcalf spoke and dis-

played unique Hawaiian coins and medals from his collection of Hawaiiana. Much discussion followed the program. 35 members, guests, and one junior member were present. An auction and door prizes followed later in the evening.

MAY 91— Topic of the meeting was a recap of the HSNA/HCC Mini show of May 4th, in which a gain of \$239 was realized. We wish to thank the following exhibitors; C. Matsuda - Old Comics; G. Lau - Hawaii Saloon Tokens; W. K. Young - Small and large Gold Certificates; C. Saito - HCC 25th Anniversary Medals; and J. Hart - Coronation of King Kalakaua. On the 9th at the Honolulu Zoo, the Love stamps were presented. C. Matsuda was the designer of the first day covers for the Hawaiian Philatelic Society commemorating this event.

— A Show and Tell program was held: C. Matsuda spoke and displayed comic books on movie stars and G. Hunt on Hawaiian political buttons. Also c. Watanabe gave a report on the Santa Clara coin show in California. We lost one of our junior members — Shirley Pierra. She is headed for Merced, California. ALOHA. Present was 23 members and two junior members.

JUN 91 — Election of officers were held:

President.....	Greg Hunt
VP.....	M.F. Kendrick
CO-Secretary .....	Gary Lau
	James Silva
Treasurer .....	Charles Matsuda
Sergeant-at-arms .....	Landis Niau
Jr. Advisors .....	Crane Saito
	W.K. Young
	Kazuma Oyama
	Franklin Gonzales

David Gere gave a report on the Reno Coin Show in Reno, Nevada. Present was 25 members, guests, and one junior member.

JUL 91 — A farewell presentation and party was held for William Dyslin and family. He will be leaving Hawaii for his new duty station in New Mexico. ALOHA "BILL" & FAMILY.







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